AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0080] with the following amended pargraph:

[0080] Of the metablocks shown in FIG. 22, only metablock 0 has the standard linking, here taken as straight across the eight planes. The figure shows several block linking situations:

   A. Metablock 0 is a standard metablock with no re-linking and would therefore not appear in a Link Table sector

   B. Metablock ~~1~~ 2 has 2 bad blocks in planes 0* and 1

   C. Metablock [[4]] 3 has 2 bad blocks in planes 0* and 5

   D. Metablock 5 has 3 bad blocks in planes 1, 3, and 4

   E. Metablock ~~7~~ 6 has 1 bad block in plane 0*

   F. Metablock 9 has been completely re-linked from existing spare physical blocks, although the blocks in planes 0 and 7 come from the original meta-block

In the cases marked * where the re-linking is due to a bad block in plane 0. In this case, the physical address refers to the location where the original metablock existed. Due to the large number of bad blocks in the example of FIG.22, there are no metablocks ~~2~~ 1, ~~3~~ 4, ~~6~~ 7, or ~~7~~ 8.